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Title:

SINGLE PARTY BUYING AND SELLING COMMODITIES WITH

MULTIPLE COUNTERPARTIES

Applicants:

Louise J. Kitchen et al.

Group Art Unit:

2161

Atty Docket No.:

ENR100/4-15

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Respectfully submitted,

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FEE TRANSMITTAL for FY 2001

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See 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.27 and 1.28

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First Named Inventor	Louise J. Kitchen						
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METHOD OF PAYMENT (check one)		FEE CALCULATION (continued)						
The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge indicated fees and credit any overpayments to:		3. ADDITIONAL FEES			Fee Description Surcharge - late filing fee or oath			
		rge Entity Small Entity se Fee Fee Fee		Entity	CONTO CONTRACT SUDS			
Deposit Account Number 22-0365		Fee (\$)	Fee Code	Fee (\$)	Fee Description			
		130	205	65	Surcharge – late filing fee or oath			
Deposit Account Name Vinson & Elkins L.L.P.		50	227	25	Surcharge – late provisional filing fee or cover sheet.			
		130	139	130	Non-English specification			
Charge Any Additional Fee Required		2,520	147	2,520	For filing a request for reexamination			
Under 37 CFR §§ 1.16 and 1.17 2. Payment Enclosed:		920*	112	920*	Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action			
Check Money Other		1,840*	113	1,840*	Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action			
FEE CALCULATION		110	215	55	Extension for reply within first month			
1. BASIC FILING FEE		390	216	195	Extension for reply within second month			
Large Entity Small Entity Fee Fee Fee Fee Description	117	890	217	445	Extension for reply within third month			
Code (\$) Code (\$) Fee Paid	118	1,390	218	695	Extension for reply within fourth month			
101 740 201 370 Utility filing Fee	128	1,890	228	945	Extension for reply within fifth month			
106 330 206 165 Design filing fee	119	310	219	155	Notice of Appeal			
107 510 207 255 Plant filing fee	120	310	220	155	Filing a brief in support of an appeal			
108 740 208 370 Reissue filing fee	121	270	221	135	Request for oral hearing			
114 160 214 80 Provisional filing fee	138	1,510	138	1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding			
SUBTOTAL (1) (\$) 0		110	240	55	Petition to revive – unavoidable			
		1,240	241	620	Petition to revive – unintentional			
2. EXTRA CLAIMS FEES		1,240	242	620	Utility issue fee (or reissue)			
Fee from Extra Claims below Fee Paid	143	440	243	220	Design issue fee			
Total Caims -20** = 0 X 18.00 = 0	144	600	244	300	Plant issue fee			
Independent - 3** = 0	122	130	122	130	Petitions to the Commissioner			
Multiple Dependent	123	50	123	180	Petitions related to provisional applications			
**or number previously paid, if greater, For Reissues, see below	126	180	126	180	Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt			
Large Entity Small Entity Fee Fee Fee Fee Fee Description Code (\$) Code (\$)	581	40	581	40	Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)			
Code (\$) Code (\$) 103 18 203 9 Claims in excess of 20	146	710	246	355	Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))			
102 84 202 42 Independent claims in excess of 3	149	710	249	355	For each additional invention to be			
104 280 204 140 Multiple dependent claim, if not paid 109 84 209 42 **Reissue independent claims					examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))			
109 84 209 42 **Reissue independent claims over original patent		fee (sp	ecify)					
110 18 210 9 **Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent		fee (sp	ecify)					
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